

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

January 30, 2009

1:15-2:30 pm

Advisory council members present: Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, Jerry Keck, Bill Dahlgren, Don Judge, Doug Buman, Jason Miller, Dan Lee, Connie Welsh, Riley Johnson, Bob Worthington

Core team members present: Jerry Keck, Dustin de Yong, Diana Ferriter, Judy Bovington, George Kochman, Keith Messmer, Anne Wolfinger

Others present: Nancy Butler, Carl Kochman, Montana State Fund; Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

I. Status of LMAC Bill, HB 283

Lt. Governor Bohlinger reported on a discussion on the bill he had with the bill's sponsor, Representative Himmelberger. Second reading was scheduled for this afternoon. It was decided to make it a priority action item to determine sponsors in the Senate for HB 283 as well as HB 119 and 138.

II. Status of Department Workers' Compensation Bills

HB 119—passed 3rd reading, 89-9, transmitted to the Senate

HB 138—passed 3rd reading, 80-18, transmitted to the Senate

III. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills

The LMAC reviewed the list of bills being tracked. No new bills were added to the list. Copies of proposed amendment language for HB 204 were distributed, with LMAC members' comments requested back by Tuesday, Feb. 3. The LMAC briefly discussed the definition of freight forwarders (HB 378) as defined in the U.S. code. Nancy Butler described SB 192 amendment discussions held with Senator Zinke, Bob Worthington, Riley Johnson and Jason Miller. SB 224 passed out of committee on a 6-5 vote. Don Judge made a motion for LMAC endorsement of SB 285. The motion died for lack of a second. Jerry noted we are only tracking LCs that have language available for review.

IV. Public Comment

Mark Cole and Marv Jordan addressed the LMAC.

V. Next Steps

Determine Senate sponsors for HB 283, 119 and 138	LMAC	Feb-6-2008
Send HB 204 amendment and federal definition of freight forwarders to LMAC	Anne	done
Contact federal Department of Transportation re: freight forwarders	ERD staff	Feb-3-2008

Next teleconference: Friday, Feb. 6, 1:15p